'A Real Globetrotter Shot'

LENNIE TURNS CLOWN FOR PAYOFF PUNCH

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RALEIGH — Behind that grim sneer on Lennie Rosenbluth's face, there dwells a smile. The North Carolina All-American likes to clown.

You've never seen him do it in a game, but the spidery Tar Heel great has his own little repertoire of fancy dribbles, behind-the-back passes and trick shots, a la Hundley. He practices them occasionally in workouts.

"If Coach McGuire ever saw me cup up or smile out there on the court," Rossie told a friend, "I think he'd bench me."

There came a time, though—46 seconds before the end of Carolina's 61-59 victory over Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament semifinal here last night—when McGuire was thankful for one of Rosenbluth's little antics.

The olive-skinned New Yorker raced into the lane and flipped a behind-the-head hook shot into the basket to put Carolina ahead, 60-59. He was fouled on the play and made the free throw.

"That was one of Lennie's circus shots," smiled McGuire in the jubilant Tar Heel dressing room, "a real Globetrotter shot."

"He's been practicing and practicing that thing. We have been running all the people out of the gym so they wouldn't see how bad he looked shooting it."

Rosenbluth's story-book finish, extending the nation's only unbeaten record to 26 and sending the Tar Heels into tonight's finals against South Carolina, climaxed one of the truly classic games played in this hall of basketball greats.

"This was a great Wake Forest team we beat tonight," McGuire praised. "Jack Williams Jackie Murdock, Ernie Wiggins, Jim Gilley — what basketball players.

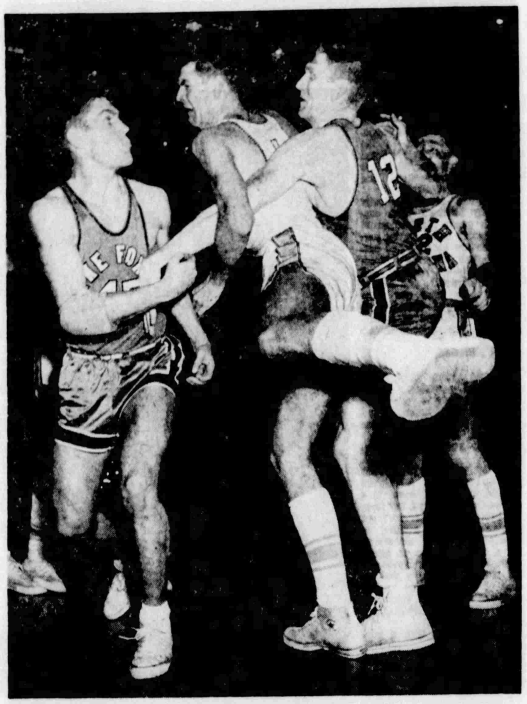
"Williams (he got 24 points and kept Wake in the game in the first half) is a pro. When it gets tight, he's the one who is always there."

Carolina's defense was as sharp as it has been all season.

Someone mentioned this to McGuire. The Tar Heel coach turned and called to Bob Cunningham, "Bob, what did I tell you before the season started about our defense?"

"You told us," answered Cunningham, "that if we improved on defense, nobody would beat us."

EVERYBODY HAPPY? . . . Not UNC Coach Frank McGuire, who's thinking of tonight's meeting with South Carolina. Starters Bob Cunningham, Lennie Rosenbluth, Pete Brennan, Joe Quigg and Tommy Kearns (l to r) don't shar McGuire's worries. (All tourney photos by Bernie Batchelor).



DON'T CRY JOE . . . *UNC's Quigg tries to break away from the grasps of Wake's Jim Gilley (r) as Olin Broadway (l) rushes up to lend support.*

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Tears Flowed Like Wine At Wake's Wake

RALEIGH — It was an invasion of privacy and the intruder knew this as he pushed into that sadness called the Wake Forest dressing room. No one spoke. The only noise was the soft splash of tears as they fell on the cement floor.

The scene can't adequately be described. I have watched men at war hear news of buddies being shot down and they reacted much the same way. This was no funeral, but to those sitting on two thin red benches, their heads bowed, nothing really was alive.

Only the thickness of a wall separated them from the exuberant North Carolinians, who had won by the thrilling thinness of 61-59. The joy did not penetrate. The yells dissolved as in a vacuum.

They sat for five minutes, ten minutes before a move was made to peel the Gold and Black uniforms. For four of them—Jackie Murdock, Jim Gilley, Ernie Wiggins, Jack Williams—this would be the last time.

I have seen teams lose before; that is the fate of playing a game for there cannot be two victors. I have never witnessed more heartbreak than was displayed by these young warriors. They had come so close—and yet so far.

—To McKinney They're Still Champions

ONE OF THE first to dress was Jack Williams, the poker-faced forward whose clutch shots had kept his team within cannon range of dethroning the Tar Heels. He slipped a tie into the collar of a white shirt and tried to express his feelings.

"What hurts so much," he said softly, "is that four of us are leaving—and we wanted this one so badly. I thought we had it. Then it was all over.

"North Carolina is great, just great. I like all those boys. I hope they go all the way. But this . . ." He shrugged his shoulders. It was hard to think of a reply.

A WAKE FOR WAKE . . . comes after their heartbreaking loss to UNC. Left to right is trainer Warren Ariall, Bill Tucker (foreground), Jackie Murdock, Bones McKinney and Jack Williams.

Jackie Murdock finished his shower and re-entered the dressing room. He reached for his undershirt, suddenly stopped and clutched the locker door. He stood there sobbing silently.

Last to leave the bench was Bones McKinney, the assistant who has done such a remarkable job of instilling confidence in the Deacs. He sat, sipping a soft drink, and offered an explanation.

"These tears, this emotion of mine," he said, "is not for me. I am crying for those youngsters. You know, an adult will cry a lot quicker when a child is involved. These players are my children.

"For four years, we've worked with them, laughed with them, been mad on occasion with them. And I guess at times they've been mad at us. But we are a family and these are family problems.

"There is love and desire and we have an abundance of both. It cuts me to see such great young men complete their careers with bowed heads. To me they are champions."

—Brennan Recalls How It Feels To Lose

LEFTY DAVIS who had been the outstanding Deacon of a year before, walked in. Tears were streaming down his face.

"We were robbed, just robbed," he muttered.

Coach Murray Greason sat beside Lefty and the two tried to console each other.

"I have never lost one that took so much out of me," said Murray.

Down the hall, Pete Brennan, the North Carolina ace, said he knew the Deacs were taking it hard.

"It's not just this game," said Pete, "it's every time they play us. They give it everything they have. I know how they feel. Last year they knocked us out in the semi-finals. I wanted to shoot myself. Jump off a bridge. Anything.

"The only answer to basketball is to leave the game on the court. Forget it once the final whistle blows."

Pete thought for a second, shrugged his shoulders.

"The only trouble there," he said, "is that you can't forget it—no matter how hard you try."

Lennie Will Appear On Ed Sullivan Show

NEW YORK (AP)—The All-America basketball team will receive its certificates in ceremonies that will be part of the Ed Sullivan television show Sunday night at 8 p.m. (EST). The show originates in New York on CBS.

The team, selected on the basis of votes of Associated Press sports writers and sportscasters, is composed of Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas, Lennie Rosenbluth of North Carolina, Chet Forte of Columbia, Gary Thompson of Iowa State and Rod Hundley of West Virginia.

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Tears For 'Little General' And A Wreath For Wallace

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RALEIGH—Of all the emotions in this battlefield of body and heart, the most contrasting of the semifinals were those of Wake Forest's Jackie Murdock. Throughout the grim battle with Carolina, the little Deacon general looked bored. When defeat came thundering down on him in his last collegiate game, he buried his face in a towel and stood for 20 minutes with his head hidden in his locker, crying the bitter tears of failure.

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MOST OF THEM missed the point when someone brought in a bunch of flowers for South Carolina's Grady Wallace.

"Must be from a secret admirer," winked Wallace. The flowers represented a funeral wreath. They were tied with ribbons of UNC Blue and White.

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DUKE SPRINTER Dave Sime was presented the Anthony McKevlin award as the outstanding male athlete in the Carolinas in a brief halftime ceremony. He says he'll run next in the Florida Relays . . . Jim Tatum, scheduled to scrimmage his Tar Heel gridders today, didn't watch the first half of his former school's battle with South Carolina. Resting in the hospitality room, he said, "I'm too exhausted after pulling Carolina through. I'm going out now and bring Maryland in the second half."

Everett Case, a spectator for the first time in 10 years after his N. C. State Wolfpack was knocked out on Thursday, offered his opinion on an all-tournament team after two rounds: USC's Wallace, UNC's Lennie Rosenbluth and Pete Brennan, and Wake's Murdock and Jack Williams.

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IN REGARD to Rosenbluth's game winning field goal in the closing minute of play, Coach Frank McGuire commented, "He's an All-American. He'll always come through." . . . Wake's Bones McKinney pointed to the Deacon's classic battle with North Carolina and asked, "Now do you want to do away with this tournament? There's been a lot of talk about it. This should stop some of it. Where else are you going to see a great game like you saw tonight?"

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BEFORE THE battle got into its torrid stage, McKinney and Carolina's Bob Cunningham had their usual joke. When Cunningham goes to the line with a free throw, McKinney kids the Tar Heel guard by clutching at his throat, teasing Cunningham about choking up. Bob missed his first try and put his hand to his throat and smiled at McKinney. When Cunningham made his second attempt, McKinney good-naturedly laughed and waved to him.

Rosie: 'Must Beat Five Men'

Can Gamecocks Follow Script?

Scoring Trophy At Stake

BIB VS. ADAM TONIGHT

CLINTON, N. Y. — This is the night when Bibber O'Hearn trembles on the brink of his goal — the Eastern Hockey League scoring championship.

"I've been edged out twice before by two and five points," says Charlotte's Bibber. "I've got a feeling I might lose it again."

Irony of it all: Bib's competition is his teammate, Doug Adam. Bibber has 48 goals, 68 assists and 114 points. Adam has 62 goals, 49 assists and 111 points.

The Clippers play their last game of the regular season tonight against Clinton. The playoffs begin Tuesday night against New Haven — but playoff games do not count in the scoring race for the big John Carlin Trophy.

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ADAM, 33-YEAR-OLD auto salesman from Seattle, scored twice last night to save the Clips' skins at Philadelphia in a 3-2 win. Doug's big one was rammed past goalie John Schaffer — loaned by the N.Y. Rangers to replace hurt Ivan Walmsley — in the last period.

The Clips came to Clinton in an unhappy mood though.

EHL Standings

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
CHARLOTTE	49	15	1	99	337	258
Philadelphia	33	37	3	69	296	221
New Haven	31	29	2	64	268	251
Johnstown	29	33	0	58	299	276
Clinton	23	38	1	47	240	309
Washington	18	43	1	37	245	375

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
CHARLOTTE 3, Philadelphia 2.
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tonight — CHARLOTTE at Clinton; New Haven at Johnstown; Philadelphia at Washington.
Sunday — Washington at Johnstown; Clinton at New Haven.

BROPHY HARRIS

John Brophy, star defenseman for Charlotte and one of the league's main collectors of penalties, collided with Philly's Ted Harris and had his nose broken.

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WHEN THE officials refused to penalize Harris, Charlotte's Bill Sinnett complained so bitterly that he was put in the box for a 10-minute misconduct penalty. In the wake of the anger, the Clips' usually mild Herve Lalonde got in a fight with Al Fontana for the second time in four nights. Both were given five minutes.

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ONLY PERSONALLY happy guy was Goalie Les Binkley—he made 53 saves, one of his finest nights in hockey . . . Charlotte has an 8-3 record against Clinton . . . Chartered buses for Charlotte ice fans will be run to New Haven Tuesday by Queen City Trailways and Travel Tours Corp. Plans are for the bus to leave Charlotte Monday at midnight and return Friday at 2 p.m. Price is $45.60 and would include the March 12 and 14 games at New Haven plus New York entertainment and hotel . . . First Charlotte playoff game at home is next Sunday, March 17.

The summaries:

First period scoring: Philadelphia — Johnson (Meserve), 1:39. Charlotte — O'Hearn (Warecki, LaLonde), 12:42.

Penalties — Fontana, 11:49; Brophy, 13:07.

Second period scoring: Charlotte — Adam (Muckler, LaLonde), 13:49.

Penalties—Casey, 0:41; Hann, 13:29; Warecki, 16:38; Adam, 19:34.

Third period scoring: Philadelphia — Rukavina (Merserve), 1:09. Charlotte — Adam (Muckler), 2:07.

Penalties—Casey, 0:53; Turnbull, 11:26; Sinnett, 17:40; LaLonde, 17:55; Fontana, 17:55.

Score by periods:			
Charlotte	1	1	1—3
Philadelphia	1	0	1—2

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Red Wings On TV Card

BOSTON (AP)—The Detroit Red Wings put their powerful offense and tight defense on display for a national television audience (WBTV, 2 p.m.) again today while attempting to move closer to their eighth National Hockey League championship in a clash with the Boston Bruins at the Boston Garden.

The Wings, boasting the NHL's top scorers in Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay and a standout goalie in netminder Glenn Hall, hold a comfortable lead over the Montreal Canadiens and the Bruins as the championship race nears an end.

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Four-Ball Play Opens

CAMDEN S .C .—Sixteen twosomes set out here today on the first round of the 6th annual Carolinas Golf Assn. four-ball tournament.

Tied for medalist honors in the qualifying round yesterday were the teams of Bobby Chapman of Spartanburg and Bill Williamson of Charlotte, and Grainger Kornegay and Austin Brown, both of Camden.

Both the Chapman - Williamson and Kornegay - Brown twosomes toured the Camden Country Club course in even par 70s.

Next came H. W. Whiteside and Drayton Ford, both of Charleston, with a 71.

The defending champions, Dick Chapman of Pinehurst, N.C., and Bobby Knowles of Aiken, did not have to qualify.

Joe McCarley and Bobby McCarthy, the Camden duo which lost out to Chapman and Knowles in the finals in 1956, qualified with a 72.

Semifinal and final rounds will be played tomorrow.

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Walters)

A TITLE FIGHT . . . *between Bibber O'Hearn (l) and Doug Adam is scheduled tonight in Clinton. Both are going for the EHL scoring crown.*

HARRIS

Harris Likes UNC By 78-62

By BOB QUINCY
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RALEIGH — So Cecil B. DeMille wants a script.

Let him buy screen rights to the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament which winds up here tonight.

There is a cinderella team — South Carolina .

"Well, we got in nine holes, but the course still is a little muddy!"

There is the nation's No. 1 outfit—the Tar Heels of UNC.

And for the past two days, the epic twists of games have been more than the average audience can stand.

What's in store tonight? The bookmakers see North Carolina by a ten-to-20 point margin. Joe Harris, the dandy prognosticator, goes so far as to pick the score, 78-62.

But who can write off a team that has smashed Duke and Maryland on successive nights? The Gamecocks aren't to be sold short.

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COOKIE PERICOLA, a solid hero who added 11 points and some spectacular dribbling to the defeat of Maryland, 74-64, thinks his mates can do the monumental.

"We've played North Carolina twice," said he. "It took them an overtime to stop us the first game and we were leading by six points late in the second half of the second. They can be had.

"We'll have to move the ball and take good shots. They have height—but we're faster. I'm glad we're playing them. We want to win the tournament—and we are determined to lick the best in doing it."

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IF SOUTH Carolina takes its neighbor to the north, they'll have to beat five men to do it. That's the opinion of Lennie Rosenbluth, the Tar Heels' All-American forward.

"It was the same old story with Wake Forest," he said, resting after the rugged 61-59 trimming of the Deacs for the fourth straight time. "This game they had three men on me sometimes. I'm not the whole show and as soon as our opponents realize it they'll be smart.

"If they insist on defensing me with several men, we'll go all the way. We have 26 in a row and we'll keep on winning. They've got to realize if I don't score, we've got Pete and Bob and Joe and Tommy who can."

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ACTUALLY, South Carolina should be pretty worn after their two surprises over favored foes. Coach Frank Johnson has substituted only twice in as many games. He fears fatigue.

When the two finalists take the floor, it will be a battle of the Carolinas.

Of course, North Carolina doesn't have a single starter from North Carolina. Nor does South Carolina have a native of the Palmetto in its first five.

Regardless of citizenship, some terrific basketball will be on display. And who do you like—Lennie or Grady in the battle of All-Americans?

TOURNEY BOXES

NORTH CAROLINA	G	F	P	T
Brennan, f	6	4-4	4	16
Rosenbluth, f	8	7-10	2	23
Quigg, c	1	2-4	1	4
Young, g	0	0-0	1	0
Lotz, c	0	0-0	0	0
Kearns, g	3	4-6	2	10
Cunningham, g	3	1-2	3	7
Totals	21	18-26	15	61
WAKE FOREST	G	F	P	T
Broadway, f	2	1-2	3	5
Williams, f	9	6-8	3	24
Carr, f	0	0-0	4	0
Gilley, c	2	7-10	4	11
Ladd, c	0	0-0	0	0
Murdock, g	5	3-5	1	13
Wiggins, g	3	0-0	1	6
Totals	21	17-26	18	59
NORTH CAROLINA			33	28—61
WAKE FOREST			29	30—59

SOUTH CAROLINA	G	F	P	T
Hoffman, f	3	4-7	3	10
Wallace, f	10	11-15	5	31
Anderson, f	0	1-3	0	1
Lentz, c	3	5-5	3	11
Pericola, g	3	5-8	0	11
McCoy, g	4	9-9	1	10
Totals	23	28-40	12	74
MARYLAND	G	F	P	T
Nacinik, f	9	2-2	4	20
Hallock, f	4	4-4	5	12
Weingarten, f	5	2-2	3	12
Moorehead, f	0	0-0	0	0
Moore, c	2	1-4	5	5
Murphy, c	0	0-0	0	0
O'Brien, g	2	0-0	5	4
Davis, g	1	0-0	0	2
Danko, g	1	1-2	2	3
Totals	24	16-20	23	64
SOUTH CAROLINA			39	44—74
MARYLAND			30	34—64

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